

Bealer, John L.

## Gets DFC



AN EIGHTH AAF BOMBER STATION, England—A veteran of 32 bombing missions over Europe, 1st Lieut. John L. Bealer, 22, son of Mrs. Matilda Bealer, 434 Locust Street, is shown receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross, awarded him for "extraordinary achievement" in combat. Making the presentation is Colonel Dale O. Smith, of Reno, Nev., the Bethlehem flier's commanding officer. Lt. Bealer has participated in many of the outstanding efforts of the Eighth Air Force as a co-pilot of a B-17 Flying Fortress and among some of the well known objectives that his bomber has attacked are Stettin, Mannheim, Leipzig, Halberstadt, Hamburg, Bremen, Munich, Pennemunde and Berlin, the last named three times. Lt. Bealer is a graduate of Bethlehem High School and was a machinist apprentice with the Bethlehem Steel Corp. prior to entering the armed forces. Besides the DFC, he also wears the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters for his achievements in the air.

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